THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As per intelligence reports, the terrorists had plans to assassinate Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam and abduct Cricketers Sachin Tendulkar and Saurav Ganguly.

(c) The security arrangements in respect of the threatened persons have been reviewed and the concerned State Governments have been advised to strengthen the security arrangements and appropriately sensitize the security personnel deployed for their security.

Benefits of dual citizenship

673. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the countries where dual citizens would be applicable;

(b) the benefits likely to accrue to such NRIs; and

(c) when would it be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) to (c) The Government has not decided to grant dual citizenship.

Proposal for New Prison Act

674. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:
SHRI NAGENDRA NATH OJHA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to bring a new Prison Act replacing Century Old Indian Prison Act, 1894; and

(b) if so, the details and by when it is likely to be enacted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) 'Prisons' is a State subject as per entry 4 of List II (State List), of the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution of India. According to article 246 (3), Legislature of any State has exclusive power to make laws for such State or any part thereof with respect to any of the matters

enumerated in the List II in the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution. However, article 252 of the Constitution provides that two or more States may pass resolutions in their respective State Legislatures and authorise Parliament to enact a Central legislation on a State subject. The Central Government in the Ministry of Home Affairs requested the State Governments to pass resolutions under article 252 of the Constitution for enactment of a new Prisons Act by the Central Government to replace the existing Prisons Act, 1894. However, having not received the requisite response from the State Governments, it circulated in September, 1999 a draft Model Prisons Management Bill among the State Governments for their consideration.

Rules relating to hoisting of National Flag

675. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the rules relating to hoisting of National Flag by citizens on private buildings etc. have been liberalised recently;

(b) if so, the details of the fresh guidelines/do's and don'ts to be followed by the citizens; and

(c) the details of steps proposed to educate the common citizens of their responsibility to keep up the honour, dignity and the respect expected to be shown while flying the national tricolour and against its possible misuse towards commercial exploitation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Paragraph 2.1 of Section I of Part I of the Flag Code of India, 2002 which came into effect from January 26, 2002 explicitly states that there shall be no restriction on the display of the National Flag by members of general public, private organizations, educational institutions, etc., except to the extent provided in the Emblems & Names (Prevention of Improper Use) Act, 1950 and the Prevention of Insults to the National Honour Act, 1971 and any other law enacted on the subject. In consonance with the aforesaid provision, clauses (i) to (xiii) of paragraph 2.1 contains certain prohibitions. Paragraph 2.2 of Setion-I of Part-II contains do's and don'ts consistent with the dignity and honour of the flag. Copies of the Flag Code of India, 2002 have been placed in library of the Parliament House.